

House Resolution 543

By: Representatives Lane of the 158th, Hill of the 180th, Burns of the 157th, Scott of the 153rd, Knight of the 126th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Georgia Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb
2 on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb has served the Georgia Department of Natural
4 Resources with dedication and devotion for more than 30 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb graduated from West Georgia College, earning both
6 bachelor's and master's degrees in biology; and

7 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Department of Natural Resources, Commissioner
8 Holcomb has served as a wildlife technician, a wildlife biologist, regional supervisor,
9 assistant division director, and director and has honorably held the position of Commissioner
10 since August 9, 2004; and

11 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb's outstanding service to the department earned him the
12 title of Wildlife Resources Technician of the Year in 1984 and a Meritorious Service Award;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, a resident of Plainville, Georgia, Commissioner Holcomb is active in many
15 organizations, including the Wildlife Society, the Southeastern Committee on Wildlife
16 Disasters, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and the University of Georgia's
17 School of Forestry External Advisory Committee and Foundation Lands Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, one of Commissioner Holcomb's greatest achievements while with the
19 department was the creation of the Arrowhead Educational Center, a facility with classrooms
20 and instructors who teach students about the environment, conservation, wildlife, and natural
21 resource stewardship, serving five school systems and educating over 69,000 students to
22 date; and

23 WHEREAS, he is also responsible for ensuring the preservation of historic resources and the
24 implementation of environmentally sound business practices for conservation, economic
25 development, and outdoor recreation interests across the state; and

26 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb is united in love and marriage to his wife Terri
27 Holcomb, and the couple has been blessed with a remarkable son, Zane; and

28 WHEREAS, Commissioner Holcomb will enjoy his retirement by spending time with his
29 family, hunting, fishing, canoeing, caving, and hiking; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated and hard-working
31 individual as one of its citizens.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Commissioner Noel Z. Holcomb for his years of service
34 to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and extend best wishes on an enjoyable and
35 well deserved retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Commissioner Noel Z.
38 Holcomb.